

1710.01 Certification of Operators at Facilities Discharging Wastewater to Surface Waters or Groundwaters of Michigan

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SUBJECT: Certification of Operators at Facilities Discharging Wastewater to Surface Waters or Groundwaters of Michigan.

APPLICATION: Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units.

PURPOSE: To assure that all wastewater treatment facilities in the State are managed by competent superintendents and are adequately operated and maintained.

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SUMMARY: Section 6a of the Michigan Water Resources Commission Act requires that non-municipal dischargers of wastewater into any surface water or groundwater have their waste treatment facilities under the supervision of a properly certified operator. This requirement applies to State-owned facilities as well as privately-owned facilities.

The Director of the DNR has the authority to classify wastewater treatment facilities and to certify applicants in treatment classifications. Classification is based on the recommendation of district staff of either the Surface Water Quality Division or the Waste Management Division. Certification is based on a review of education and experience, and receipt of a passing grade on a written examination administered by the Surface Water Quality Division. The examination is offered annually in November. The DNR provides application forms to people desiring to be certified.

APPLICABLE FORMS: Application for Industrial or Commercial Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification.

PROCEDURES: Contact agency.

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